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MEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Fair weather with seasonable temperatures prevailed during the week.

September was warm, and slightly drier than normal for the State as a whole. The southeastern, north-central and northwestern portions of the State received normal precipitation or slightly more, but the strip from the southwestern through the central to the northeastern portion of the State was mostly very dry for the month. Het weather pretailed during the first two decades, and seasonable temperatures during the last decade. There was more than the normal duration of sunshine.

CROPS Practically all except a little of the very latest planting of corn has matured. Reports indicate only a very small percentage of the corn frosted up to last Saturday. Corn has dried out rapidly and some cribbing has started. There were a few reports of a little corn shelled and marketed.

Yields in southern Nebraska where the heat wave did the greatest damage are above earlier expectations. Many high yields are expected in the balance of the State and it appears that the average will be among the higher yields of record. It appears the quality of the corn will be very good except some that suffered the greatest damage from the heat wave the latter part of August. Many of the fields have already been opened for mechanical picking. Some picking has been done in southwest Mebraska, one county reporting about 20 percent of the crop harvested.

Winter wheat needs moisture throughout the State. The surface soil is dry. Some of the late planting is coming up unevenly. However, much of the wheat is showing up well due to ample subsoil moisture. A few reports indicate that some planting is being held up until rain arrives. About 6 percent of the intended acroage is still unplanted. About 5 percent of the rye has not been planted yet.

Sceding of winter wheat to date by Districts is as follows: Northwest, 91%; North Central, 75%; Northeast, 87%; Central, 91%; East Central, 94%; Southwest and South Central, 97%; and Southeast, 94%.

September was too dry for fall pasture. Range is curing. Host areas report a fourth crop of alfalfa, but it was shortened by the dry September weather. Harvesting of alfalfa seed is still in progress.

Harvest of the dry edible bean crop in western Nebraska is nearing completion and yields are very good. Harvest of the late commercial potato crop in western Nebraska has started, but most of the potato plants are still green. Good yields are expected. Sugar beets are making good progress. Some harvesting of sugar beets in central Nebraska may start next week. Harvest of grain sorghum has started, with some being combined. Most of the sorghum forage has been harvested.

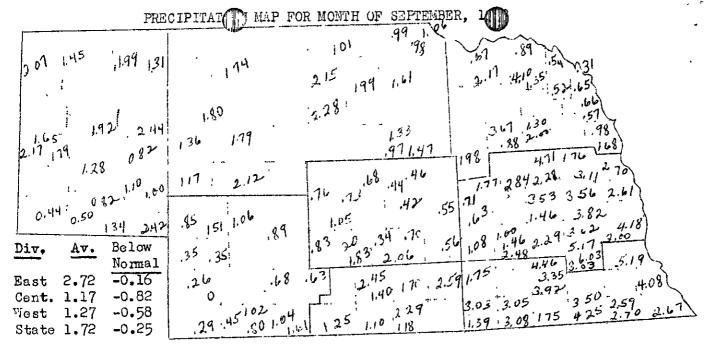
LIVESTOCK Some pigs are being finished for market as rapidly as possible. While a considerable number of cattle has been shipped to country feeding points, many farmers are still cautious and hesitant about filling their feed lots until later. Prices of feeder cattle have already dropped.

The hay and feed situation for the winter is much better than expected earlier. Range is somewhat better than expected and is curing in good shape. There is a plentiful supply of grain for feeding operations and generally ample hay.

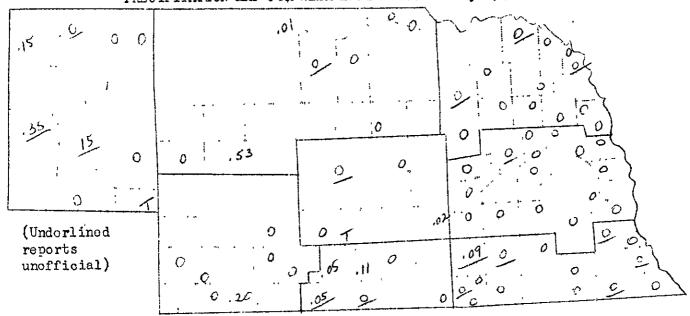
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 1, 1948



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